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EXCUSES OF NO AVAIL.

McKINLEY (*the tailor*)—"Well—er—you see—I have done the best I could, and—and"——
UNCLE SAM—"Say, young fellow, excuses won't go with me. You ought to have had my protection clothes done long ago. I ordered them in November for the first of March."

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IT IS GENERAL ORDERS that no egg shall have more than the three colors that belong to the old banner.

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LET MR. GLADSTONE succeed with his bicycle and much will be done in behalf of the preservation of trees.

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THE HEN comes first in the year as the national bird. The eagle and the turkey come later. Let us celebrate the hen.

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A COLORED CONTRIBUTOR is behind time in his remark that the late Mr. Corbett found the 'simmons too sour and too high.

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IF GOWDY, the Hoosier consul-general to Paris, really doesn't wear a necktie, he won't be in Paris two weeks before they'll spell him with a D.

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THE TRUTH IS that the government of Germany lost its head not only through the advent of the kaiser but through the retirement of Bismarck.

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A WOMAN'S CLUB in this town has just died after a life of seven years. There can be no successful woman's club which is not made up pretty nearly altogether of men.

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A CABLE to Honolulu is not to be looked upon as an unmixed blessing. A little of the politics of that country is quite enough, and we don't want daily contact with it.

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IT MAY be true that the story of Balaam and that of Adam and Eve perish along with the story of Jonah; but we at least insist that the good book shall keep its ten commandments.

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IT MAY be feared that if the capitol at Albany ever is completed the contractors will engineer a law providing for a new tower of babel. Might it not be well to let bad-enough alone?

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AT A POPULIST meeting out west recently three women tore out the beard of a male compatriot. It was powerful argument, but it settled nothing except the injured man's determination to get a shave.

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THE PRINCESS CHIMAY is not to be blamed very much for jumping on a Paris stage and kissing an actress. We know of lots of persons who have wanted to do the same thing, and they didn't belong to her sex either.

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IF ONE starves himself sufficiently, according to a theosophical authority, his vision becomes so clear that he can see the colors of souls. It is possible, however, that some souls are off color, and there may be others that do not hoist any.

CONFIDENCES.

FIRST PHILADELPHIAN (*in Philadelphia trolley-car*)—"What a disagreeable conductor we have on this car!"

SECOND PHILADELPHIAN (*testily*)—"Yes. He must be from New York, judging from the annoying way he keeps saying 'Step lively, please!'"

NEPOTISM.

WHY PUNISH a man because he happens to be a relative of the president? That man has as good a right to hold office as if he had only poor relations. Let us have the kind of civil-service reform that tabooes no competent and honest man merely because a certain kind of blood runs in his veins.

GROSS INCONSISTENCY.

SOCIALISM urges that there must be government control of railroads and of the machinery of production. Yet there never was a socialist who didn't hate a government and who didn't do his utmost to destroy it. With such wholesale government as that, however, there would be continued revolution—and that's socialism.

A HEROIC FIGURE.

FRANCES WILLARD adds prize-fighting to her list of evils that must be crushed, and would prohibit kinetoscope exhibitions of the same. Let us suggest a compromise. Thousands of people want to see the pictures of the Carson incident, and they must not be wholly disappointed. Let Miss Willard do a good thing for the progressive woman by insisting that no set of pictures shall be exhibited which does not include the figure of Mrs. Fitzsimmons as a leading feature.

BLIGHTED LOVE IN POLITICS.

A MR. SHORT of a Kansas town "kept company" with a Miss Parsons twelve years and then married a divorced woman. Mr. Short had been successful in local politics; but the women of the place sided with Miss Parsons and last election-day they ran him out of office by a large majority. Questions of matrimony ought not to have influence in politics; but there is nobody who won't rejoice at this evidence that the women of Kansas have as much human nature in them as anybody else.

ROYALTY AND DISEASE.

THE KAISER has a habit of playing tricks with his officers, tripping them up with his sword, poking them in the ribs, etc, that has occasioned fear as to his sanity; and the czar is suffering from a blow on his head received several years ago, and has a dislike of the duties of his position quite as pronounced as before his inauguration. Mr. Gladstone's little paragraph as to the misfortune of authority in the cases of these young men is very suggestive; yet it is but a repetition of history with respect to every royal house in Europe.

TWO SOULS.

WE LEARN from Mrs. Besant that the soul of Blavatsky now occupies the body of a dissolute Hindu of India of the age of nineteen years. The youth belongs to a royal family which has greatly deteriorated. The Blavatsky soul drove out the original occupant of the body after a lively fight, and the latter, so far as known, is wandering about in a state of eternal eviction and consequent unhappiness. Theosophy professes better things than such downright robbery as that, and we hope the Blavatsky essence will presently have thunder knocked out of it in its turn.

MORE NICE THAN WISE.

BATTLES BETWEEN ARMIES are not agreeable things. They are infinitely more wicked and shocking than battles between prize-fighters. Yet the newspaper that ignored them would be laughed out of existence. To be consistent that newspaper should likewise ignore all news of a melancholy nature. Why give news of accidents? Why the sickening details of earthquakes and floods? Are not they, too, demoralizing and unfit for publication? Millions of people wanted the news of a late prize-fight. It didn't follow that they approved of the disgraceful exhibition. They wanted the news, they paid for it, and they had a right to it. Newspapers are not altogether material for Sunday-schools.

NEW HUNTING DEVICE
To keep your headstrong setter from putting up game out of gun-range.

EASTER GREETING.

NEVER was winter so cold
But violets listened for spring,
And daffodils under the mould
Heard songs that the April would sing.

Never was sorrow so lone
But away from its secret tomb
An angel visitant rolled the stone,
And a hope burst into bloom.

Never was night so dark
As the night our Lord seemed gone;
Never trilled morning's lark
As at that first Easter dawn.

Joy of the waiting three,
To a raptured transport stirred;
Joy of the budding tree,
Joy of the mating bird.

Incense swinging over the shrine
Where lilies, Ascension lilies, twine,
Bloom of the fragrant spray;
Song and beauty and love be thine,
The peace of the risen Christ divine,
This jubilant Easter day.

EMMA PLAYTER SEABURY.

UP TO THE AVERAGE.

"MY SON," said the fond father reprovingly, "I have always endeavored to do my duty to you."

"Oh, yes," replied the erring one; "you have done fairly well as fathers go."

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

Congressman Newman—"But sha'n't I be awfully embarrassed speaking before a crowd of members?"

Congressman Olds—"Well—er—you weren't thinking of making a speech in the cloak-room, were you, Newman?"

MRS. VAN GELDT—"They say the son is quite a genius."
MR. VAN GELDT—"Oh, no; he's not as crazy as that."

AHEAD OF THEM ALL.

TO THE first rose of spring
A warm welcome we bring;
And that without treason
To the others that fling
Their rare odors a-wing.
But it is with good reason
A warm welcome we sing
To the first roes of spring—
Shad-roes are in season.

ALL NECESSARIES.

Bridget—"If yez plaze, mum, Oi'd loike me wages to-day, as Oi've to pay me faythers medical insurance."

Mistress—"What is medical insurance, Bridget?"

Bridget—"'Tis the koind thot if ye're sick does be sendin' yez medicine an' a docthor an' a hearse an' a grave an' everything yez do be needin'."

NEARLY SHORN.

"I HAD a close shave," said the little lambkin.

"Gracious, child! What was it?" asked the mother.

"I just ran against a razor-back hog."

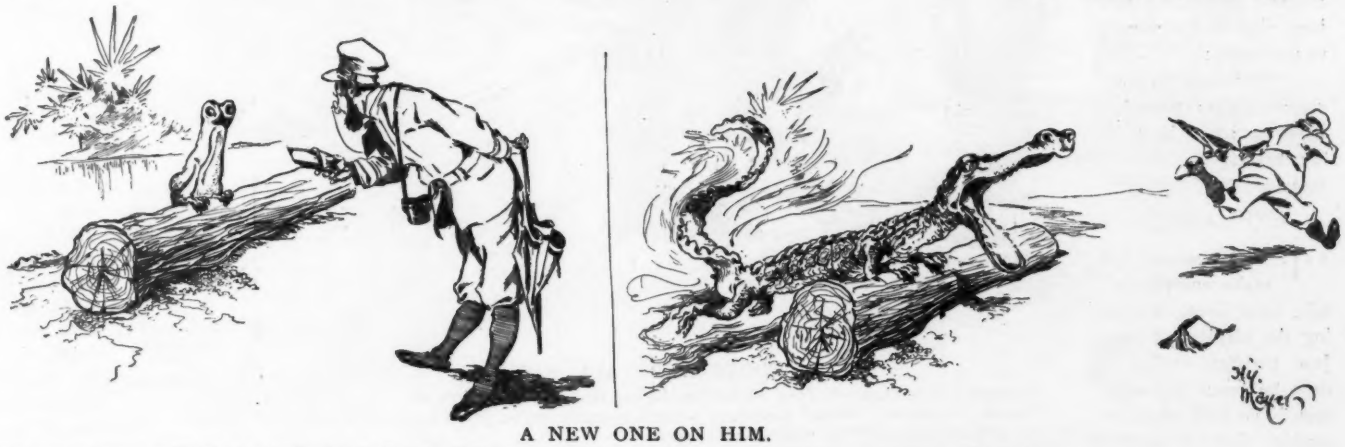
PAPA'S OPINION.

Tommy—"What kind of a store is that one, papa, where they have three-colored glass jars in the window?"

Papa—"That's an apothecary shop, Tommy."

Tommy—"And that place next door to it that has three balls in front of it?"

Papa (with a sigh)—"Oh, that's a hypothecary shop, Tommy!"



A NEW ONE ON HIM.

THE NATURALIST—"That's a peculiar kind of owl; I'll get up close an' get a good sketch of him."

But he didn't.

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

BEAUMONT SISTERS AND JOSEPHINE ALLEN.

Three of a kind, and that kind the best,
" Under the Red Globe " stand the test:
Even the cold free-listers
Warmly applaud, and thrice recall
These Beaumonts, Josie Allen, and all,
As the Non-Peroxide Sisters.

ONE COMFORT.

WHEN tradesmen give no credit
And full is sorrow's cup
You needn't pay the milk-man,
He always chalks it up.

PRECAUTIONARY.

Mrs. Upton—"I see you haven't your dolly out to-day, Gracie."

Gracie—"No; I have just learned that the measles can be caught a second time, and they're in the neighborhood."

THE PRIME ESSENTIAL.

"WHAT constitutes a good joke?"

"The right sort of fellow to tell it to."

IN MILWAUKEE.

MR. S. KRAUT—"Augusta! I vant to dake my bath, alreatty. Go dell der shanitor to durn on der beer."

A RUN FOR THEIR LIVES.

"Did the play have a good run?"
"No, but the actors did. They were chased out of town."

FOR CHURCH PURPOSES.

HUBBY made her keep a book
So that in it he might look
To see to what wife's expenses might amount.
When she bought an Easter hat
She knew how to put down that—
It was thirty dollars charged to church account.

HIS IDEA.

Little Rily Kaw (a Kansas lad) — "Say, paw, what is a 'superfluity'?"

Mr. Kaw (a prominent populist)—"A neck-tie an' a full beard on the same man, my son."

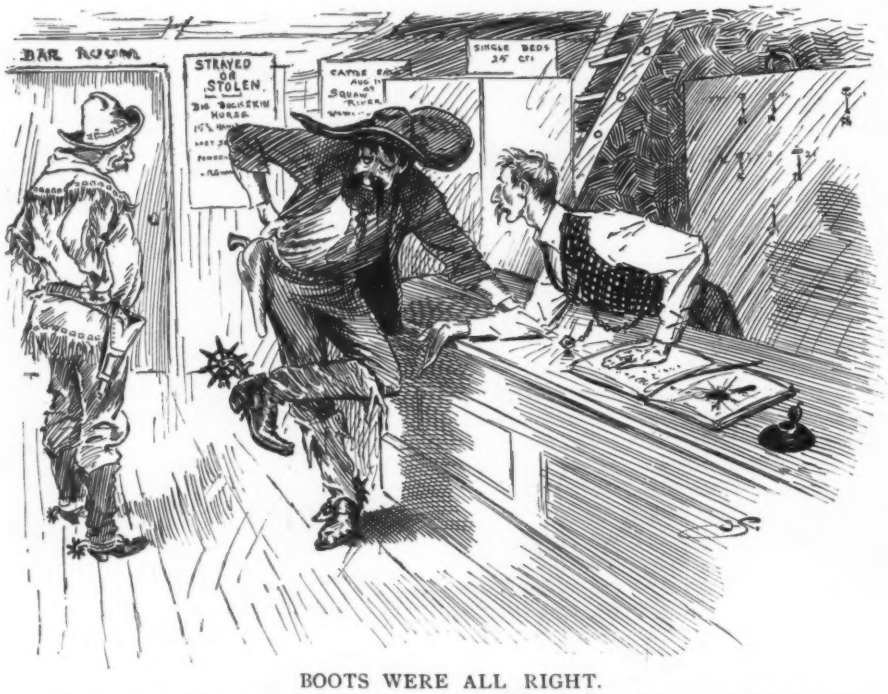
STRANGE GODS.

DORIS came to the dinner-table for the first time and was so awed by her father's ceremony of saying grace that she refrained from comment until she reached the nursery. Then her feelings expressed themselves in a long sigh and a remark to her nurse:

"Papa says his prayers to his oysters, but mamma says hers in her heart."

EXPLAINED.

"IF GOD weally did make everybody," said little Grace, watching the turning off of a Jew peddler, "den I dess he made dat ugly man in de dark when he couldn't find his spectacles."



BOOTS WERE ALL RIGHT.

WHISKEY WHEELER—"Ther bar-tender allowed that you had a little account ter settle wi' me."

CLERK CLUPPY—"Ya-as! consarnin' a leetle account you've gotter settle wi' me fer goin' ter bed full las' nite an' laceratin' ther sheets wi' yer spurs."

WHISKEY WHEELER (*humbly*)—"I weaken, pard! Enny gent thet don't know enuf ter take ther spurs offen his boots w'en he gits atween ther sheets orter settle. W'ot's th' dammidge?"

TOO FAR.

He — "They have carried these musicals so far that it is positive torture to listen to them."

She — "Yes; there are some people who believe they are a whole orchestra, simply because they have a drum in their ear."

A QUERY.

THEY rail at modern fiction
And mark its dire results;
They criticise its diction,
Its tendencies and cults;

But when you come to weigh, sir,
The thoughts and words and acts,
Is modern fiction baser
Than certain modern facts?

C. W.

A NATURAL MISTAKE.

BUZZLEIGH (*indignantly*)—"What do you mean by clubbing my mandolin all to pieces? Are you intoxicated?"

SIZZLETON (*his room-mate, in justification*)—"No; it was all your fault. You should have known more than to have left a red-backed mandolin lying face down on a boarding-house bed in the twilight."

EASTER.

A GLEAM of lilies in the scented air,
And pale, pure blossoms scattered where
Her dainty feet will press them on her way to church,
The while I hasten thither in my search
To find a token in that sweetest face
That will assure me of some saving grace.

A burst of music in the cloistered gloom;
The white-robed choristers adown the room
Are but the tuneful pages of her train
Singing her to the temple where I fain
Would lay my heart adoring at her feet
And win the rapture that were all too sweet.

A glow of sunshine in the outer world,
And tender leaves in vernal freshness furled.
"How beautiful!" I cry, my heart aflame
To win this charmer to my humble name
"I'm glad you like it, dear," she says, demure;
"Dear papa says the bill has made him poor."

MARY C. FRANCIS.

PREOCCUPIED.

NEPHEW (*who is showing him the sights*)—"Some very pretty faces among those ballet-dancers, Uncle Silas, weren't there?"

UNCLE SILAS—"Wa-al, nevvy, I can't say ez their faces 'tracted my 'tenshun very much."

GEOGRAPHICAL.

Teacher—"Plato, what is a farm?"

Plato—"A farm, sir, is a body of land entirely surrounded by a fence."

HER MARRIAGE REFORM.

"BEFORE I answer yes to your proposal," said the Chicago lady to her lover, "I must tell you that I have become a member of the newly-organized marriage-reform association, and that I intend to adhere strictly to its rule."

"What is its rule?" asked George hoarsely.

"Instead of allowing divorces to occur as annual events in families, we women have decided not to marry unless the men will agree to a five-year marriage-contract."

AN IMPORTANT DISAGREEMENT.

Belle—"I understand it was the question of settlements that broke off the match between Laura and Mr. Veasey."

Grace—"Not exactly settlements. You see they couldn't agree on the amount of alimony he was to pay when they were divorced."

IN CHICAGO.

Mrs. Seldom Singell—"Thanks, Jack; but it wouldn't look well for me to dance. I lost my husband to-day."

Jack—"Divorce?"

Mrs. Seldom Singell—"No; a real, genuine death. That's honest. I have the undertaker's certificate in my pocket."

REFERRED.

Junicus—"There was a young artist out here some time ago. What became of him?"

Bowie Bill—"Hanging committee has all necessary information about that fresh youth."

1. AN EFFECTIVE SCHEME.

MRS. SUBBUBS—"Henry, there's another tramp coming out of our place. That makes the fifteenth for to-day. It's unbearable. You must buy a savage dog."

MR. SUBBUBS—"I can't bother with a dog, dear; but I'll try and find a way to scare them off."

ON THE SHELF.

POOR Florence! she's left youth behind,
And, ah! too well she shows it;
For now, when Easter comes to mind,
Where is the one who knows it?

Yet I can well remember when
She lovers had aplenty.
Of course she wasn't thirty then,
But just turned two-and-twenty.

QUALIFIED.

Lazy Lazarus—"Say, Weary, listen ter dis snap in de newspaper. 'Wanted—an elderly man ter eat an' sleep on de premises.' Ain't dat a puddin'? Suit you an' me ter pieces."

A SKYE SCRAPER.

2. AN EFFECTIVE SCHEME.

He did.

DOWN IN OUR ALLEY.

THERE were loud cries of remonstrance from Mollie, who was being dragged along the alley by a colored girl a shade larger than she.

"What are you doing, little girls?" asked a benevolent lady interested in the improvement of the condition of the poor.

"She's bin bad," said Seraphine Angelina, "an' I's takin' her toe mah mammy toe git her whipped."

"What did she do?" asked the lady.

"She swored," returned Seraphine Angelina with terrible emphasis.

"I never!" ejaculated her white captive.

"Oh, she did! She swored an' she cussed jes' awful, an' mah mammy 's gwine lick 'er."

"Well, father says you got to swear at niggers," said Mollie sullenly, in extenuation, trying to wriggle from the grasp of the firm black hands.

"What did she say that was so bad?" asked the benevolent lady.

"She swored an' she cussed an' she damned. She said, 'Nigger, nigger, never die! Nigger, nigger, never die!' An' dat's de worstest swear word dey is."

H. C. CANDEE.

PLAIN SAILING.

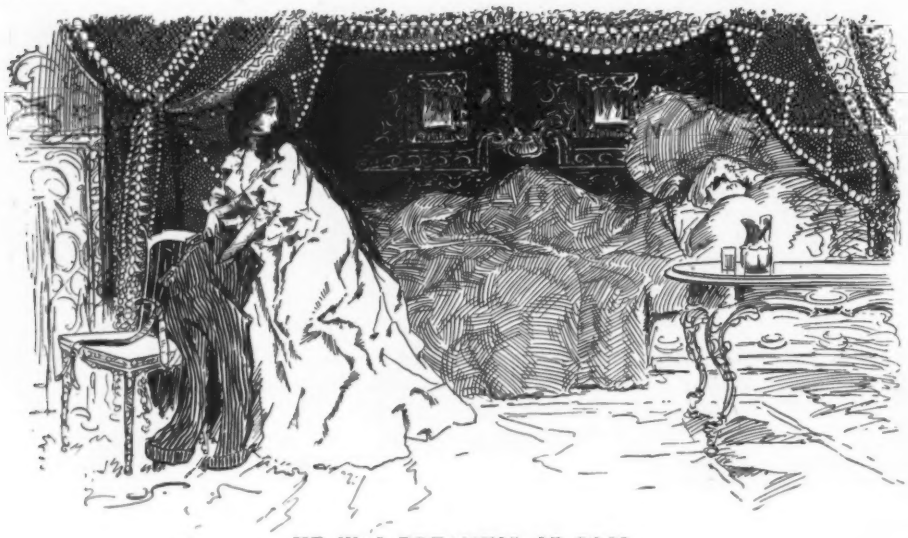
JACK PLUNGER—"So you asked old Skinner for his daughter's hand and he acquiesced at once? Then it's plain sailing."

BOB BLUFFER—"That's what it is. There must be something wrong about the family. I take the next steamer for Rio de Janeiro under an assumed name, my boy."

A SMALL ETERNITY.

Amanda (alighting from her wheel at the roadside, where Mortimore awaits her)—"Have I kept you waiting long, dear?"

Mortimore—"Long? Many cycles have passed since the hour appointed for our meeting."



HE WAS DREAMING OF POOL.

WIFE (*hysterically*)—"I am sure I cannot be mistaken. Four times in his sleep he has cried out that he put it in the corner pocket. Can it be that he lost it afterward, or is he intentionally deceiving me even in his sleep?"

IDENTITY UP TO DATE.

SOMEWHERE in some forgotten place—
In Wayback land, in Ragman's land—
Two last year's shapes met face to face
And bade each other stand.

And each one said, "Where are we at?"
And shuddered 'neath the dust upon it.
"I am my lady's theatre-hat."
"And I'm her Easter bonnet."

CAROLYN WELLS.

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR DAUGHTERS.

Mamma—"I am quite discouraged about Harriet. I can't see that the child is ever going to amount to anything. She seems to have no ability for anything in particular—dislikes housekeeping and bungles over a button. Her tutors forgot to teach her how to apply what she learned at school. I am distressed. If we should be taken from her what in the world would she do?"

Papa—"Don't let that trouble you, my dear. She might get married, mightn't she?"

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

"MUST you go out?" asked Mrs. McCorkle as her husband picked up his hat when the curtain descended.

"Yes, dear. The orchestra has begun to play 'Annie Rooney.'"

"What of that?"

"It is necessary to go out for a change of air."

HER FRIEND.

Miss Palisade—"I don't know whether to write him a letter or wait until he calls on me."

Miss Summit—"I would wait until he calls. You know he is awfully particular about one's spelling."

AN INSULT RESENTED.

JAY SEED—"Say, Josh, hain't it cur'us thet elerfunts dew hev sich big ears?"

!—!—!

"WITH A HEAVY STEP REGINALD WANDERED HOMEWARD."

EVENING CONVERSATION.

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"The ladies of the woman's platform club called on me to-day. They asked me to join."

Mr. Hohmboddie—"Well, why don't you?"

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"I thought you did not approve of women's clubs."

Mr. Hohmboddie—"Certainly, I approve of them, for the women who belong to them. Go ahead and join."

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"Do you mean that you are quite, *quite* willing?"

Mr. Hohmboddie—"Willing? I am anxious. I think it is just what you want."

Mrs. Hohmboddie (slowly)—"Oh, I don't—think—I want it at all, dear, *now!*"

Mr. Hohmboddie—"Well, why?"

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"Because you're so reasonable about it. I was *sure* you'd object, and then I would have felt that I *must* join, if only to show you that I could not allow you to be tyrannical. The ladies told me that I must assert my rights. It will be such fun to tell them that I *did* assert them—that my husband insisted I should join the club and I just wouldn't."

M. S. BRIDGES.

NOT PERSONALLY APPREHENSIVE.

PAT (*falling down the quarry-shaft*)—"Blame th' loock! Oi hov me new watch in me hip-pocket thot Oi won at th' raffle."

ASTERS.

AT EASTER-TIDE they star the earth,
Rare, dainty asters China;
Though not a state once owned their birth
From Maine to Carolina.
But in a common rag-weed lot
Crops out my pet disaster,
Without a penny in the slot
Up pops a poetaster.

NELLIE LA RUE BROWN.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS TAUGHT.

Mike—"Hullo, Pat! An' ain't yez wurkin'?"

Pat—"No, Oi ain't wurkin'."

Mike—"Oi tho't yez us't t' wurk fer th' city."

Pat—"Oi did us't."

Mike—"Oi tho't yez us't."

TO BE SURE!

Mrs. Peck—"Here's a lawsuit in Kentucky because a man refused to pay for burying his wife. She didn't live with him. If that isn't the queerest case!"

Henry Peck—"I don't see as it was so queer, Nancy. Why should a man want to bury his wife if she didn't live with him?"

A DREADFUL MISTAKE.

JACOBS (*who is visiting Levenheimer*)—"You haf an exdra goodt fire-debartment here, Frendt Isaac."

LEVENHEIMER (*solemnly*)—"It vas der greadest misdake ohf mein life vhen I logated here. I vouldn't haf gome only for Milchheimer He toldt me dere vas only dwo fire-engines in der blace, und von ohf der dwo vas blayed oudt."

VERY REGULAR.

"WHY don't you go to church to-day,
To hear the sermon, praise and pray?
Though I don't want to be severe,
That you're a sinner much I fear."
I'm a regular church-goer, dear—
On Easter Sunday, once a year."

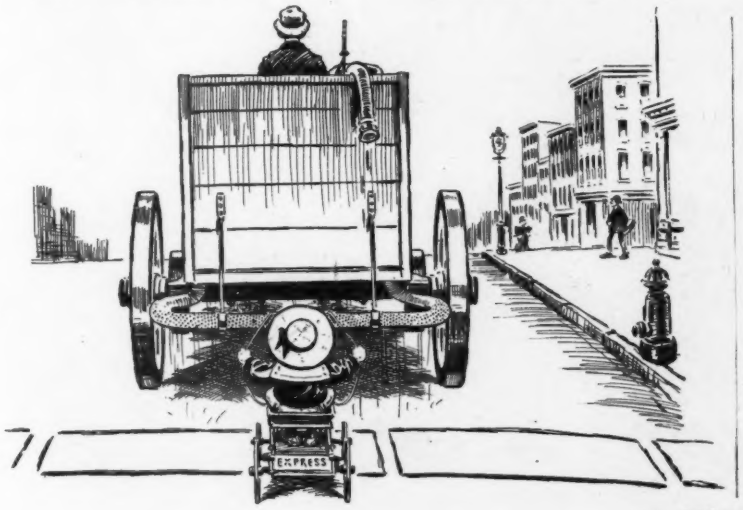
A JOKE ON THE DENTIST.

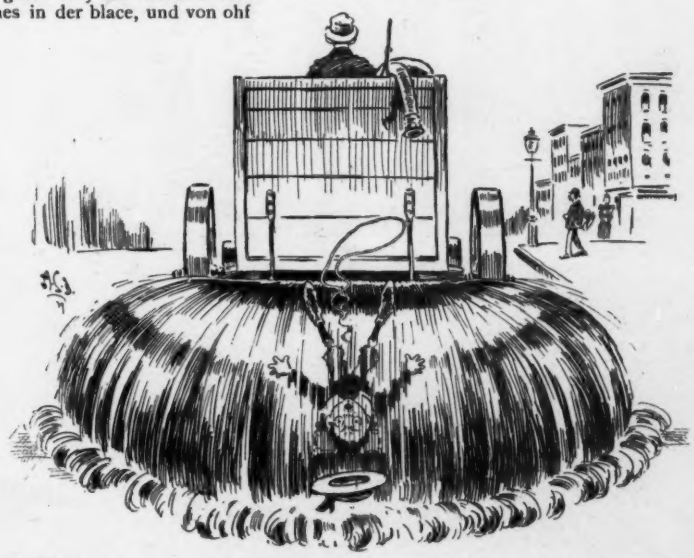
Mrs. McLubberty—"How did yez git along wid th' dintist, Murty?"

McLubberty—"Shure, he moighty near kilt me, so he did; but, bedad! Oi hov th' laugh on him all th' same."

Mrs. McLubberty—"Is thot so?"

McLubberty—"Yis. Begorra! he pulled th' wrong toot'."

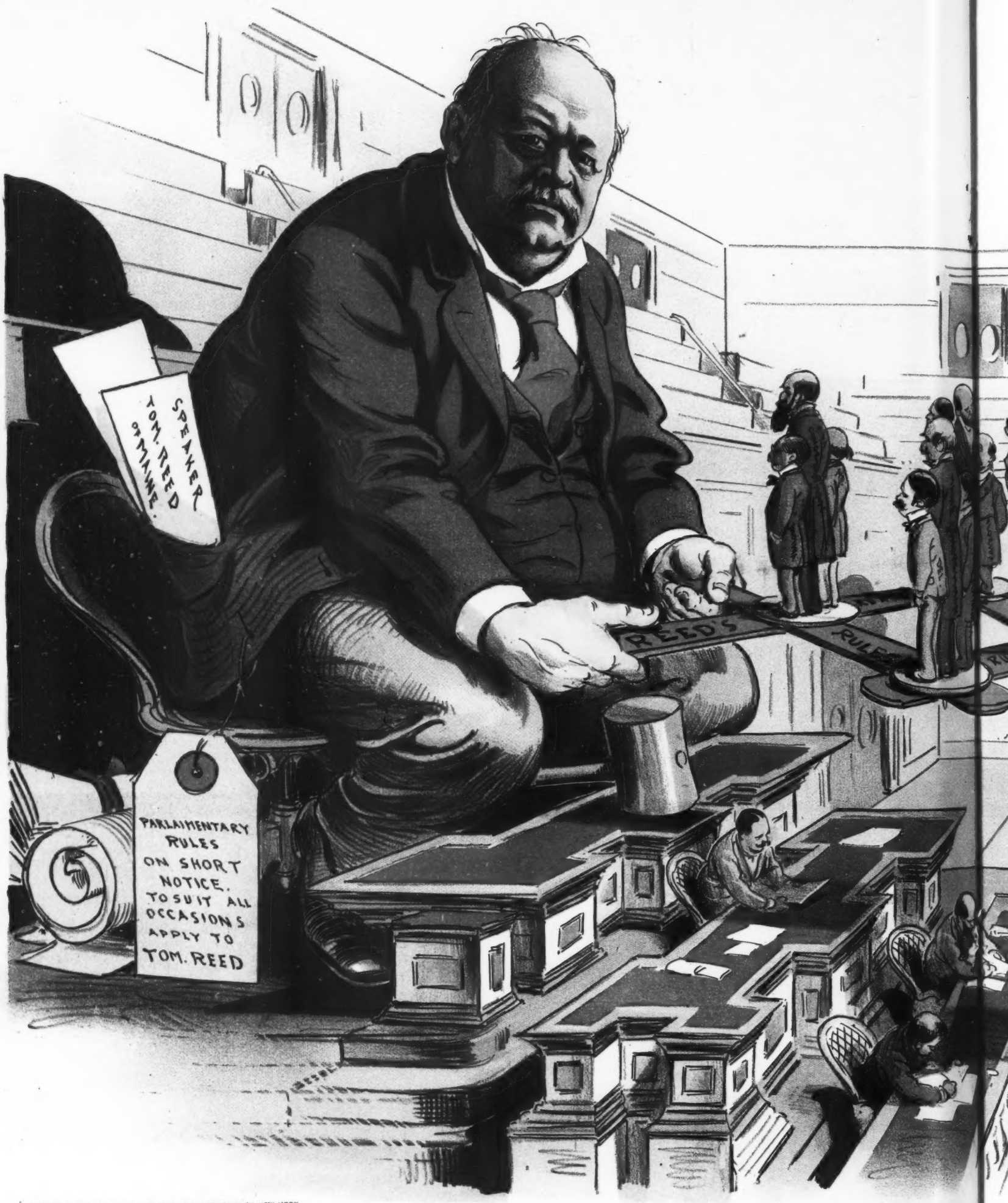




A COLD WAVE.

Many drivers had waved at little Freddie to stop hooking on behind with his express-wagon, but they met with poor success.

However, the wave that he got from this particular cart did effectually dampen his ardor.



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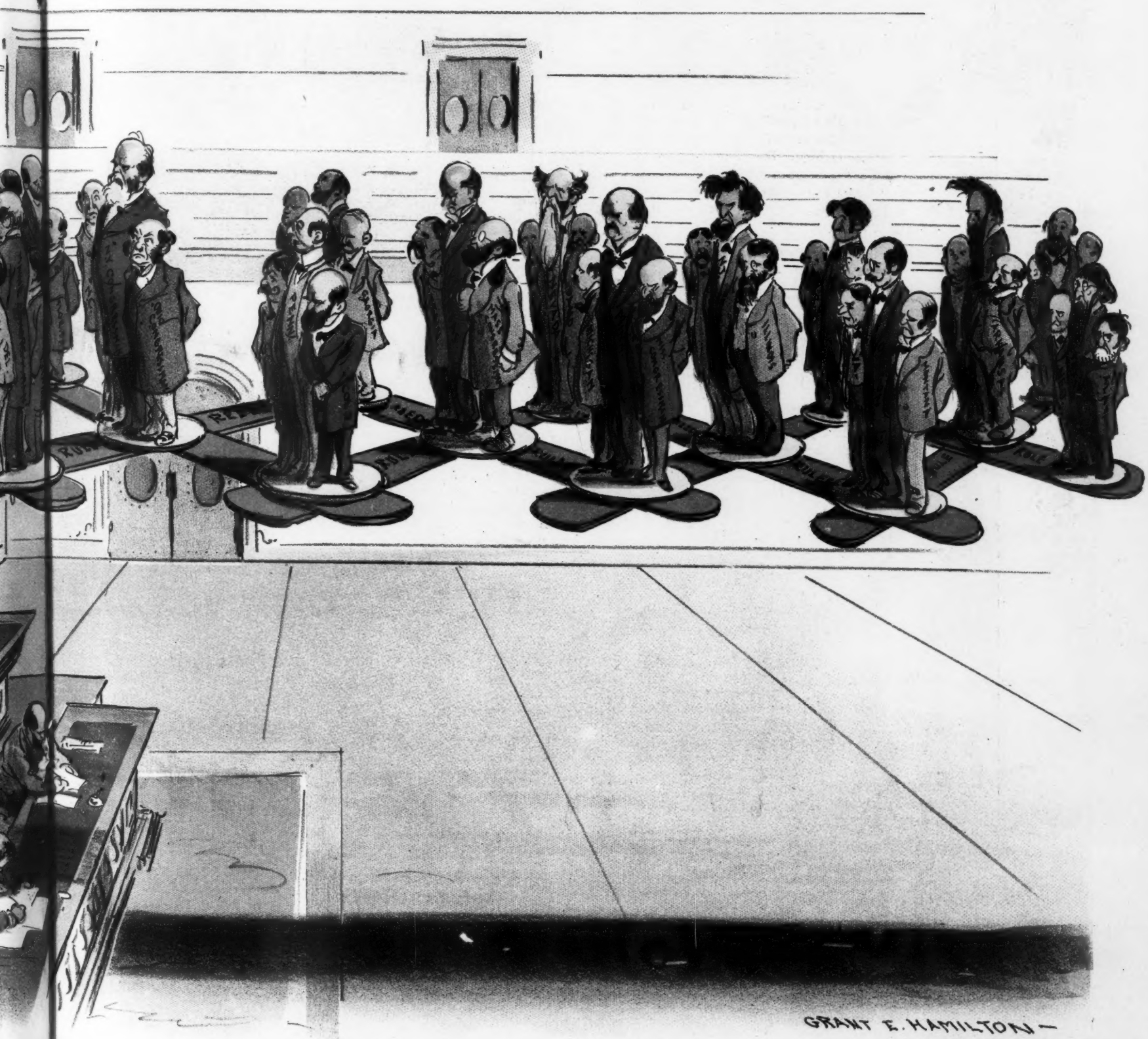
TOMMY'S

How Speaker Reed keeps congress in line—Oh



OMMY'S TOY.

in line—Oh, for a Reed in the United States senate!

RIGHT TO THE POINT.

LOCATED in Tama county, Iowa, where the farm home of Secretary-of-agriculture James Wilson is situated, is a large reservation of civilized Musquakie Indians. The red-skins were disgusted beyond expression, some years ago, when prohibition was adopted in Iowa, and have taken no interest in legislation until the past few weeks, while the assembly has been considering a bill to permit the manufacture of liquor in the state.

Recently a delegation of nine braves came down to the capital to visit the state-house. They called upon the governor and high officials, inspected the big building from top to bottom, and finally were ushered into the house chamber while that body was in session. Upon invitation of the speaker, the chief addressed the law-makers as follows:

"Chief Walk-on and his braves from Tama camp say thanks when pale-face ask us here. Braves come from Indian camp, where four hundred braves, with squaw and papoose, live in the happy wigwam in the Indian town at the foot of big hill. We talked of pale-face chiefs who camp in the big house of white stone. The braves of Tama will fight for the pale-face chiefs who say make fire-water in Iowa. Braves will not smoke peace-pipes with pale-face chiefs who say cannot make fire-water in Iowa. We say make fire-water in Iowa. Can no buy some at the pill-house any more."

FRANK J. STILLMAN.

EXPLICIT.

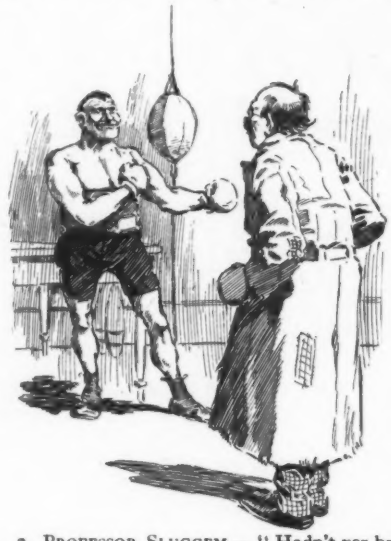
Towner—"Hello, Ruraly! Living in the suburbs yet?"
Ruraly—"I am eating two meals a day and sleeping in the suburbs."

EXTRAVAGANCE.

BOOTBLACK—"Shine, sir? Have your boots blacked, sir?"
FARMER GREENE (*of Moose Meadow*)—"Jes' hear that now, Mirandy; he probably thinks we are on our weddin'-trip, an' totally reckless."

HOW AN ACROBAT OUT OF WORK SECURED A SOFT BERTH.

1. DISGUISED ACROBAT—"This is my last fifty cents, but here goes."

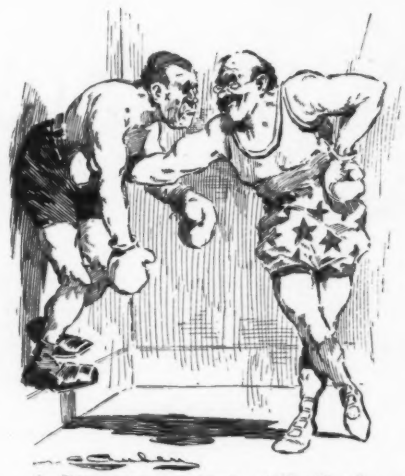


2. PROFESSOR SLUGGEM—"Hadn't yer better take off yer coat?"
DISGUISED ACROBAT—"Oh, no! guess I'll wait until I get warmed up."

3. PROFESSOR SLUGGEM—"Now this is my celebrated right-arm swing." (*Biff!*)

4. DISGUISED ACROBAT—"And this is my right-arm blow." (*Bang! biff! bang!*)

5. DISGUISED ACROBAT—"Just lie there a moment and I will remove my coat; thank you."



6. DISGUISED ACROBAT—"You'll take me in as an equal partner, eh?"
PROFESSOR SLUGGEM—"Well, I don't mind."

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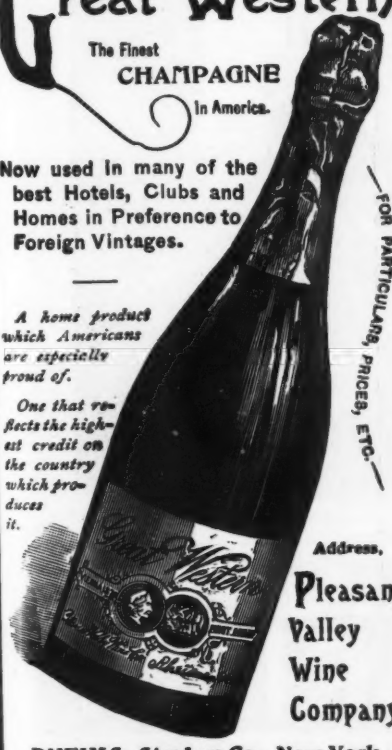
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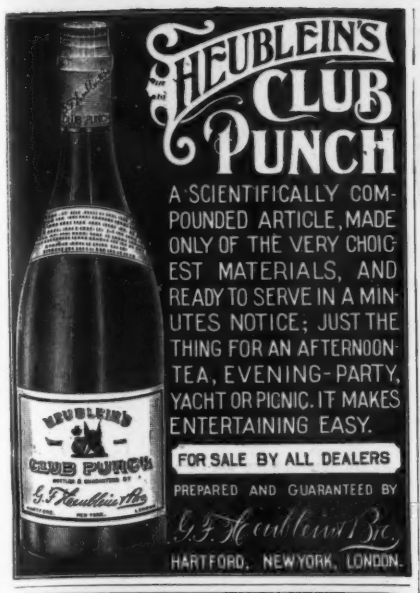

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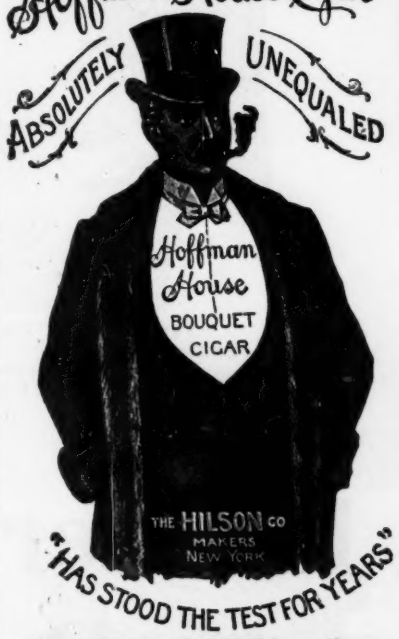

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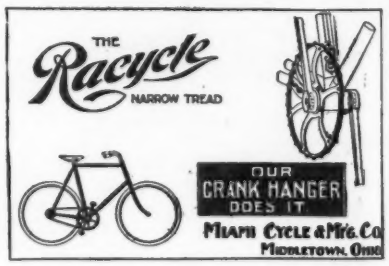

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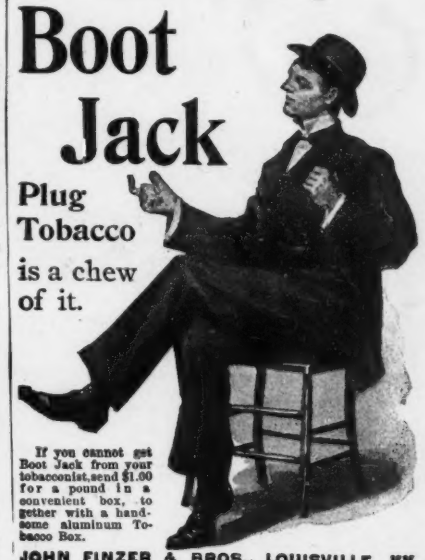

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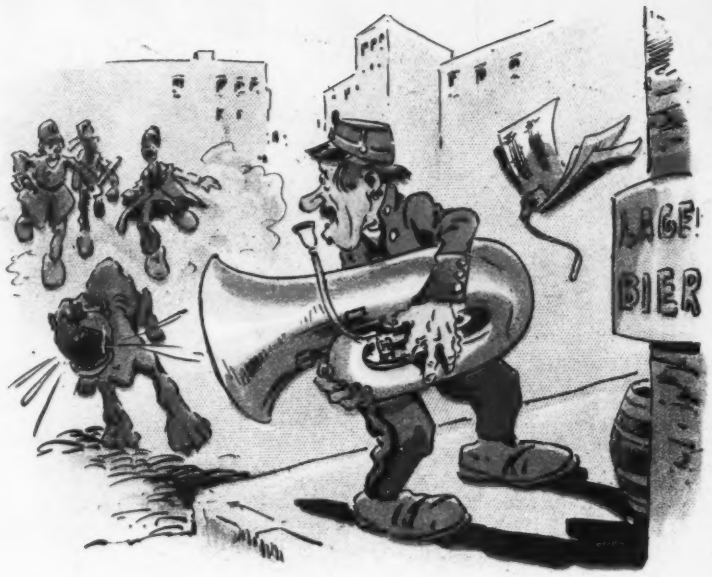

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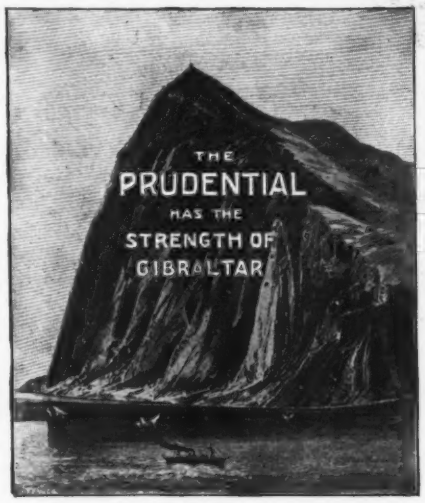

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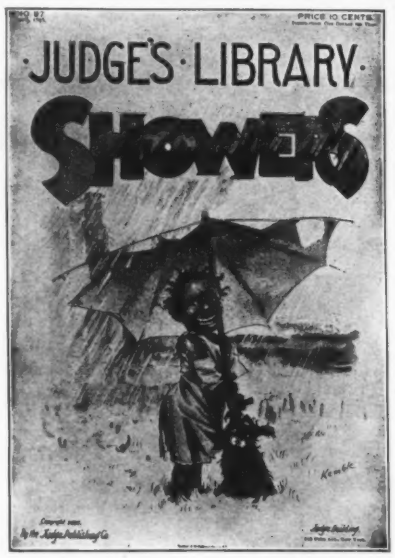

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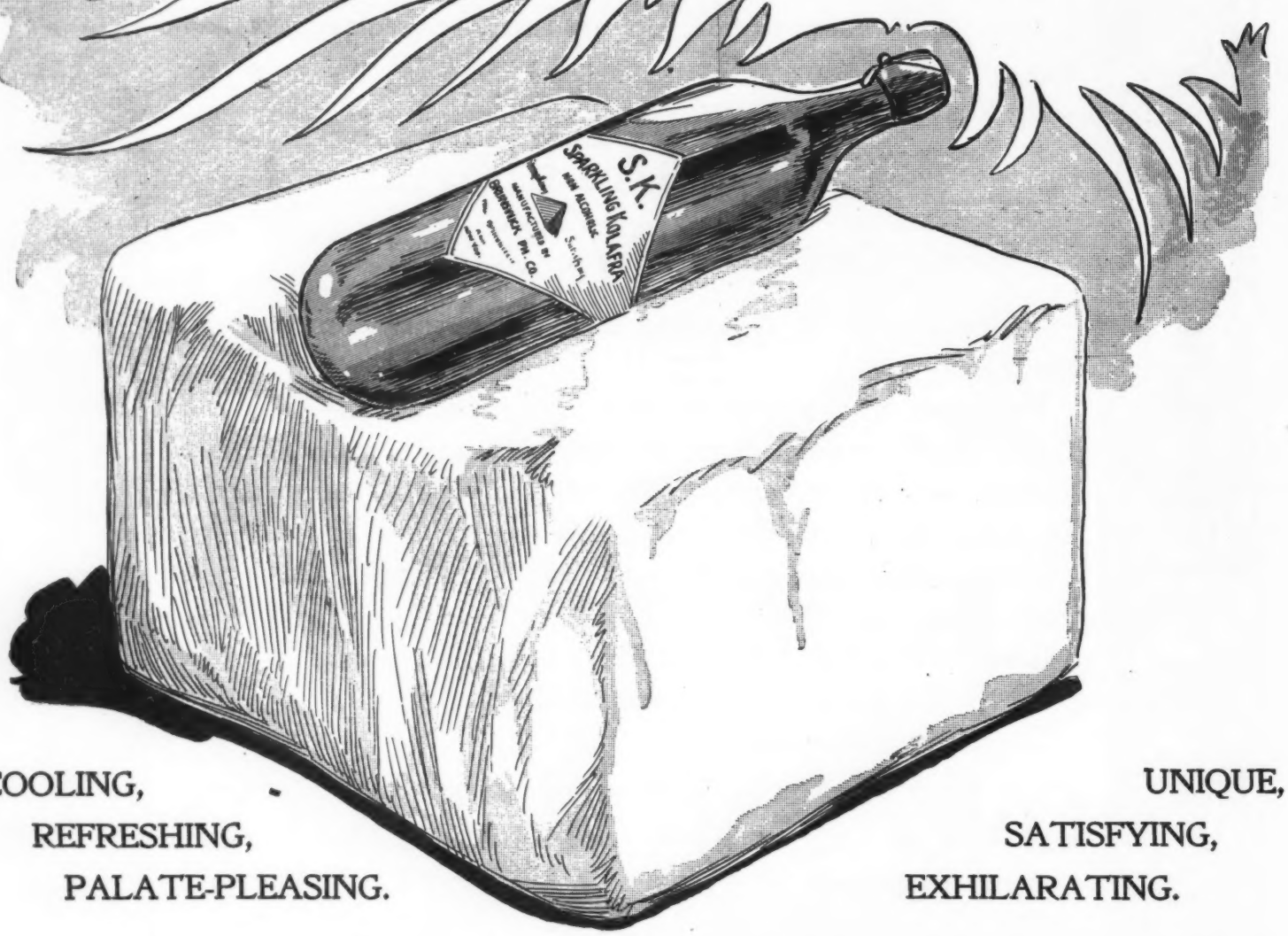

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